

ARTISTS CALL

HELLO NEIGHBOR is an exhibition to be held in Westville in October 2022, curated by SomethingProjects (somethingprojects.net / co-curators Howard el-Yasin & Suzan Shutan) for the Open Source Neighborhood Platform, organized by Artspace New Haven.

Hello Neighbor is a venture that advocates both *materials* and the *synergy of critical mass participation*, through art making as a form of community engagement. In the spirit of 'communion', we invite artists to think about what everyday issues motivate them as New Haven citizens?

The response can be social or political, it can be about *access* (to food, housing, healthcare, transportation, private versus public space and the impact of red-lining, etc.); it can illuminate one's identity as a BIPOC and/or queer person; or address ideas pertaining to animal rights, the environment, feminism, family (natural or chosen), immigration, alienation, cultural assimilation, pandemics, meditation, sports, music, dance, etc.

Materials by definition are "the matter from which a thing is", while *Critical Mass* is "the minimum amount of something required to start a venture". Both belong to traditions of art as activism and social engagement.

Artists currently residing in Westville or who maintain ties to the City of New Haven are strongly encouraged to apply. There are no fees to participate in this exciting opportunity, nor commission fees on artwork sold. All artwork must remain on display through October 30. Artists may submit up to 3 images/files of artworks pertaining to our exhibition concept: what everyday issues motivate you as a citizen?

We are seeking thoughtful, provocative 2D, 3D and new media submissions, and installation and performance art (dance, movement, spoken word, etc.) proposals.

The exhibition dates will be October 21 – 30, 2022. The installation dates are TBD, but will be during the preceding week.

Please submit work as individual files: jpgs (72 DPI, 1200 largest pixel side), audio- mp3 / video- mp4 (1 min. max for selection purposes) in the following format #1-3:

1. Last name_first name_#_title_ year_ medium_ materials_ dimensions (use this format for each file including video-audio info)
2. A brief artist's statement (less than 30 words, MS Word format)
3. Email to: somethingprojects@gmail.com (subject: HELLO NEIGHBOR) **Firm Submission Deadline: midnight, August 30, 2022**